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Sir:

Applicant hereby submits the following document to be filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office:

1. Response to Non-Final Office Action Mailed December 4, 2003;
2. Request for Extension of Time to Respond to Office Action Mailed December 4, 2003; and
3. Postcard.

Please date stamp and return the enclosed postcard evidencing receipt of these materials.

The Commissioner is authorized to debit Deposit Account No. 50-1673 for any underpayment of fees which may be due in association with this filing under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.18.

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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111 TO
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed December 4, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections set forth in the Office Action.

The amendments are formatted and presented in accordance with the Revised Format for Amendments promulgated in 2003 by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

As the three-month shortened statutory period for reply ended March 4, 2004, a one month Petition for Extension of Time, with the appropriate fee, is being filed contemporaneously with this Response, to extend the period for reply to April 4, 2004. Therefore, this Response is considered timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims, if any, are reflected in the "Listing of the Claims" which begins on page 3 of this Response.

Remarks begin on page 15 of this Response.